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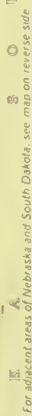
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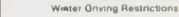
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WYO 296

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HISTORIC TRAIL

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Square Miles 97.916
Total Population 453,541
Capital Cheyenne

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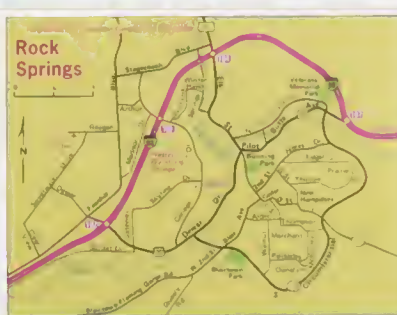
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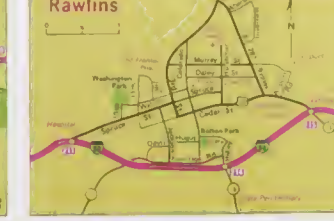
Bright Canyon Rd		1 mile South Rd	Wet
Box 786	2.0	1 mi Laramie Rd	moose
Lower canyon rd Wet	0.0	Wet	
Parkway George Rd Box		George Rd Wet	Fish
Rd	0.0	Vedder Rd Wet	Hike




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Like no place on earth.

Here's a state where the geography is as diverse as the many recreational opportunities that await the visitor. Mountains, desert, grasslands, high plains, canyons and wild rivers provide playgrounds that offer recreation a la carte — from fly fishing to floating, camping to canoeing, bicycling to boating, rockhounding to rodeo.

It's all right here, and it's served up with a "glad-you're-here" hospitality that will bring you back time and again. From our crown jewels — Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks — to the world's largest outdoor rodeo to the smallest community events, you'll find great scenery and great goings-on. Scenic highways, outstanding recreational facilities and accommodations ranging from luxurious resorts to rustic dude ranches to full-service campgrounds are guaranteed to make your Wyoming vacation a nostalgic experience.

Wyoming shares borders with six neighboring states: Montana to the north, Idaho to the west, Utah to the south, Colorado to the south and South Dakota and Nebraska, both to the east. Wyoming, comprised of 23 counties, is the ninth largest state with an area of 97,014 square miles and is one of only three states bounded entirely by straight lines. Border to border, the state measures 276 miles from north to south and 375 miles from east to west. Nicknames for Wyoming include "the Cowboy State" and "the Equality State." The name "Wyoming" was adapted from the Delaware Indian term "Mecheweamung," meaning "at the big plains" or "on the great plain."

Scenic byways and loop tour routes offer change of pace

Several stretches of Wyoming highways within national forest boundaries are designated by the U.S. Forest Service as scenic byways. These routes, marked on the highway map by a red dashed line, include three routes in the Big Horn Mountains: the **Big Horn** scenic byway (US 14 from the town of Shell through Shell Canyon to Burgess Jct.); the **Medicine Wheel Passage** (US 14A between Burgess Jct. and Lovell); and the **Coud Peak Skyway** (US 16 between Ten Sleep and Buffalo). Other National Forest scenic byways are the **Wyoming Centennial** scenic byway which includes US 26-287, often Topogee Pass between Dubois and Moran; and US 189-191 from the Rim through Bondurant to Hoback Jct. The **North Fork** scenic byway (US 14 16-20 from west of Cody to Yellowstone National Park); the **Snowy Range** scenic byway (WYO 130 between Centennial and Saratoga); and the **Beartooth** (WYO scenic byway US 212 over Beartooth Pass, east of Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance). WYO 296 northwest of Cody has been officially named the **Chief Joseph Scenic Highway** by the Wyoming Transportation Commission and is also recognized by the Forest Service as a scenic byway. Three routes in Wyoming consisting of county roads (marked by a red dotted line) have been designated by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management as back country routes. These routes include the **South Big Horn/Red Wall** byway in western Montana; the **Yellow/Gold/Alkali** byway in eastern Big Horn County; and the **Sawtooth/Alcove** byway between Sinclair and Alcove. A guide of county BLM back country byways include sections of gravel roads in remote areas which are suitable for wheelers, or travel over snow to get to remote areas other times of the year.

US 14 (Big Horn scenic byway) in Shell Canyon

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Yellowstone National Park
Friedrickson John Colter first visited the Yellowstone area in 1807. Soon thereafter, he began to tell the rest of the world about this Rocky Mountain wonderland punctuated with natural phenomena such as steaming geysers, shimmering hot pools and bubbling mud pots. The legend grew and by 1872 the region initially referred to as Colter's Hell was recognized for special qualities and designated as the world's first national park. Indeed, Yellowstone harbors the planet's most extensive area of geyser activity. Other attractions include deep canyons, rushing rivers, spectacular waterfalls and high mountain lakes. The park's thermal theatre began about 600,000 years ago in an enormous volcanic eruption. Heat from a huge subsurface reservoir of molten rock which produced the original massive eruption, still lingers, sustaining the spectacular geyser and steam phenomena for which the park has become so justly famous. Yellowstone remains mostly in a natural state, providing a virtually perfect habitat for a large variety of wildlife. The larger mammals include its famous bears (both black and grizzly), elk, bison, moose, bighorn sheep, lynx and mountain lion. More than 200 species of birds, including the rare trumpeter swan and bald eagle, and a half-dozen game fish can be found within the park. Yellowstone has nearly 300 miles of public roads. Most major features are adjacent to the figure-eight-shaped Grand Loop Road. Several one-way drive roads lead off the loop to areas of special interest. Most roads are open from approximately early May through early November, but are closed to wheeled vehicle traffic the rest of the year. However, the winter season, from mid-December to mid-March for over-snow travel by cross-country ski, snowmobile or snow coach. Several visitor centers and museums are open during the warmer months and the visitor center at Old Faithful is also open during the winter season.

Devils Tower and Fossil Butte National Monuments
Devils Tower, in Wyoming's northeast corner, is a stump-shaped cluster of rock columns 1,000 feet wide at the bottom and 275 feet at the top. Standing 1,280 feet higher, the tower is the tallest such formation in the United States. It became the world's first national monument when it was established in 1906. Fossil Butte National Monument west of Kemmerer contains an unusual concentration of fossilized wood. The richest fossil deposits are found in limestone layers which lie from 30 to 300 feet below the surface. The monument's visitor center is open year round.

Flaming Gorge and Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Areas
Flaming Gorge Reservoir in southwestern Wyoming boasts an outstanding fishery that stretches 30 miles through and canyons and sagebrush valleys. The reservoir, stocked with rainbow trout and kokanee salmon, has a national reputation as the "fishing hot spot of America." The recreation area, an administrative division of Ashley National Forest, operates an information center along WYO 530 at the south end of Green River. Northcentral Wyoming's Bighorn Canyon offers spectacular scenery and outdoor recreation such as hunting, waterskiing and hiking. Attractions include sheer cliffs which loom high above Big Horn Lake and the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range where 200 wild horses roam free. Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area's information center, east of Lovell, is operated by the National Park Service.

Fl. Laramie National Historic Site
Fl. Laramie was established as a fur trading post in 1834 and later became the most significant outpost on the Oregon Trail. The U.S. military purchased the fort in 1848 to use as a base for protecting and supplying the growing number of emigrants. It later became a major link in the Pony Express. Overland Stage Line and transcontinental telegraph systems. Fl. Laramie reflects life on the frontier for military and civilian pioneers, residents and travelers alike. Many of the 22 original buildings have been restored.

Grand Teton National Park
Grand Teton, lies just south of Yellowstone. Known worldwide for its breathtaking beauty, the Teton Range is best discovered on horseback or on foot along backpacking trails. The mountain peaks, lacking much snow, ascend rise so steeply that visitors can stand at their foot and look seemingly straight up to the 13,772-foot summit of the Grand Teton, towering a mile-and-a-half above the valley floor. The majestic mountain vistas, along with life widely varying scope of outdoor recreation in its rest of Jackson Hole, provide an unsurpassed vacation paradise.

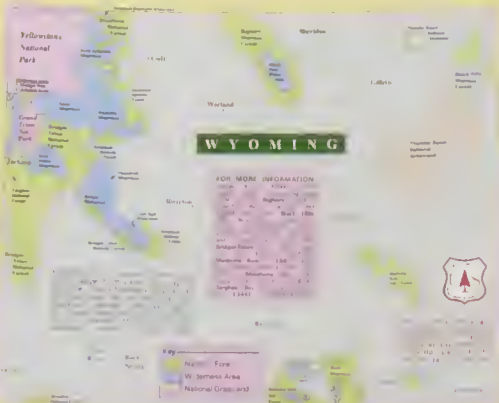
The Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River drop 308 feet

Parade ground at Ft. Laramie

The Grand Teton looms high above Jenny Lake

National forests in Wyoming

Wyoming boasts 8.7 million acres of national forest, with one-third of that total included in designated wilderness areas. The U.S. Forest Service administers the national forests, as well as the 1.8 million acres which comprise Thunder Basin National Grassland in northeast Wyoming. The largest national forest in the state (and second largest outside of Alaska) is the administratively combined **Bridger-Teton** National Forest of western Wyoming. Other forest jurisdictions in the same region of the state include **Shoshone** and **Targhee** national forests. **Bighorn** National Forest is located in the Big Horn Mountains of a 10-million-acre Wyoming and Medicine Bow National Forest spreads over parts of two southwestern counties. Wyoming also contains significant portions of **Black Hills** (northern) and **Wataatchi** (southwestern) national forests.





Governor Jim Geringer

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Wyoming is also a strong believer in economic partnerships. Government, business and higher education are eager to work together for the common good and for individual gain. If you decide that Wyoming has the quality of life for your family, I invite you to consider the possibility of bringing your business to our great state.

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